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THE SOUTHSIDE LEGION BOXING CLUB

By J.W.P.



Since its inception in 1947, the South Side Legion Amateur Boxing Club has had probably its most successful season as far as honor and glory go. Though it is not the object of the club to produce champions, every now and then we do have a bunch of boys in competition who seem to find themselves at about the same time. Such was the case in the winter of '53. When the provincial finals rolled around, and the smoke had cleared, we found ourselves with four provincial champions—ample reward for the many hours spent by the boys and trainers during the long winter season.

Harvey Jackson, who had had only moderate success during the inter-club bouts, caught fire in the Northern Alberta Eliminations, defeated the very man who had caused him so much trouble, and advanced to the provincial finals, where he ran roughshod over the best Southern Alberta had to offer and won the provincial novice flyweight title. The same hold true for Tommy White, who, after clowning his way through the various club bouts, losing to men he had no right to, finally settled down, and after besting his previous conquerors in the Edmonton district, won his provincial novice light-welterweight title in Cardston by winning his first bout via the K.O. route and decisively trimming his southern opponent in the final. Walter Kozák, who put up a tremendous showing in the Olympic trials in Vancouver in '52, losing out on a split decision, found he had run out of competition in his weight and won his provincial open welterweight title by being uncontested. Gordon Ridell, who in our opinion is the best amateur this province has ever produced, also won his provincial open middleweight title the easy way, but made up for it by going out to the Coast and walking off with the Pacific Northwest and Diamond Belt middleweight title, defeating besides a Canadian boy, two highly touted American boxers, in what is undoubtedly the toughest competition Canadian amateur boxing has to offer.

Hower, it is not only of our own boys that we are justly proud, but all those boys who tried with us and were eliminated along the road in the various competitions, and those other boys, who, though not caring to compete, nevertheless found a certain amount of satisfaction, not to mention physical fitness, in working out with us during the season. It is a source of pride with us that since its inception, none of our club boys have ever been in any serious trouble with the authorities. Reason enough, we think, to justify the time and money spent on this worthwhile sport.

From time to time, we hear of our old boys, Johnny Taylor, ex-provincial open welterweight champ, who now is with the U.S. Army in Korea, and Jimmy Parker, who put on his first pair of gloves with us, and who is now making quite a name for himself in the professional game, being ranked No. 2 behind Earl Walls in the Canadian ratings.

The amateur game is making tremendous strides in Northern Alberta at present with clubs springing up all over the place, providing the competition that is needed to bring out the best in our boys. Among some of the Johnny-come-lately are clubs at Stony Plain, Westlock, Camrose, Dapp and Perryvale.

After a good showing in the inter-scholastic competitions, held recently at Westlock, in which our club had three champions—Billingsley, Lover and Ward—our boys are working strenuously for the Alberta provincial competitions, besides numerous inter-club bouts.

Much of the credit for the success of our club is due to our instructor and trainer, Ernie Zurch, who at 72 can still put the boys through their paces and teach them the finer points of the game. Under him and the management of Jim Parsons we are looking forward to a still more successful year in 1954.

DAPP BOXING CLUB

The Dapp Boxing Club was started in January, 1953 by an enthusiastic group of local residents. The community supported a drive for funds to buy a minimum of equipment (gloves) to get the club started. The thirty to forty members worked out twice weekly in the Community Hall. To raise funds for operation and further equipment, two fight cards were held during the first season. The boys also attended cards sponsored by the Westlock and Rochester clubs during this season. Operations closed in the spring with a banquet arranged by the mothers of the boys, at which the trainers were presented with suitable gifts in appreciation of their work.

The boys resumed their practices this fall in the latter part of October. Again the membership reached over the thirty mark, a good record for a small hamlet. After working out for a month under the leadership of Ron Wilders, assisted by H. Ross, about ten of the boys attended a fight card in Westlock where they gave a good accounting of themselves. The following week a bout was held in Dapp and a week later, the boys travelled to Athabasca to a card sponsored by the Perryvale club.

Six of the boys competed in the Interscholastic Championships held in Westlock on January 16-17, and were fortunate in bringing back four championships and one runner-up. This was the highest number of championships based on the number of entries and only one short of the top, Barrhead, who took five championships.

As the majority of the residents of this community are rural, the club could not operate without the splendid co-operation of the parents who bring them in for practices. A great deal of credit also goes to Mr. Wilders who has brought the boys along in such a short period of time. Another incentive is the Golden Boy trophy for this season which was donated by Mr. Wilders. This "Wilders Trophy" is to be given to the boy who shows the most improvement during the season.

We like to win and we don't mind losing. Win or lose, we hope you will be hearing more of the Dapp Boxing Club.

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Jim Chew is well qualified as trainer, having done considerable boxing during his army days both in Canada and Overseas against both Canadian and American Army boys. He was for a time one of the trainers at the Y.M.C.A. at Vancouver and also at Vernon, B.C. Jim is gifted with the ability to handle boys and hold their interest in sports.

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The Club was organized by Mel West and went into operation last November, starting with 30 members. Most of the boys had no previous experience, but under the capable leadership of Mel West, have progressed very nicely.

The first card was held last January and proved to be a huge success, both financially and otherwise. Some of the better prospects are Hank McArthur, Beverly Swaren and Raymond Daly.

There is no doubt that this club will be heard from more in years to come.

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We wish to thank the various committees of the Legion and also the members of the Optimist's Club who have worked so diligently to make this venture possible.

—Norman S. Howe, President.

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CHAMPION BOXING CLUB

This club was founded in May, 1953, by R. "Barney" Barnes and sponsored by the Champion Branch 262 of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

There are about 30 boys in the club, including some of the best, such as the two Palmer boys and it is considered that there is the foundation of a strong and powerful club. Several good shows with packed houses have been put on and, to quote Jack Emery, president of A.A.U. of Canada: "It was one of the best and well managed shows he had seen in twenty years."

Tommy Palmer is the light-welterweight champion of B.C. 1950-51-52-53 and Buddy Palmer is featherweight champion of B.C. and Pacific Northwest, also bantamweight 1952-53, both of these and Michael Kelly, who was runner up in his class for Alberta, 1950, will be at the Alberta Finals.

Tommy Palmer was picked to go to Vancouver to fight for the Vancouver Sun Diamond Belt and the local Branch of the Legion sponsored Buddy Palmer to accompany his brother and fight in his class at the same event.

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The city of Edmonton recreation commission sponsors a club for the purposes of developing amateur boxing, wrestling, and tumbling. Bob Ford is the director of this club and is to be commended on the fine job he is doing in developing the athletic talent of the youth of this city.

From this club only members over 15 years of age are allowed to enter into amateur competition. Members under this age who are interested in boxing, fight in recreational contests only, in which 10-oz. gloves are used. Billy Spring is the top coach and trainer of the Boxing Club, and he is assisted by Bobby Bacon. Johnny Bartol is head coach and trainer for wrestling, and Tom Chong head trainer for tumbling.

During 1953 in first competitions for all boys, 11 titles were won for the club in wrestling and boxing. These include four Provincial titles in boxing.

The aim of this club is to develop sportsmanship and gentlemen. There is also good reason to believe that the club will be entering two or three boys in the British Empire games this year.

Three top amateur fighters whom the club has brought along and can justly be proud of are Dan Williams, Bob Hamilton and Wilf Graves.

Don Williams: 16 years of age, weighs 126 pounds. He attends Victoria Composite High School. Don has had six amateur fights, winning three and losing three. He lost his first two fights from cuts over the eyes. In his last two amateur fights he has done very well by winning both of them, boxing his best in Peace River where he won a four-round main event. He should do very well in the Provincial Finals this year.

Bob Hamilton is 16 years of age and weighs 122 lbs. He is employed with the 7-Up people. Bob has had eight amateur fights, and has won all but one of them. He was the Northern Alberta champ, and the provincial finalist in 1953. Bob is a very good boxer and a hard puncher. As proof of his punching power, Bob has won four of his eight fights by a knockout. He is looking forward to the British Empire games this year, and he should have a very good chance of doing well in them.

Wilf Greaves is 17 years of age and weighs 160 pounds. He attends Victoria Composite High School. Wilf's first five fights were all wins. He won the Golden Gloves, the Northern Alberta and the provincial championships in his first year of boxing. He recently dropped a very close decision to Gordie Riddell, who incidentally, is the Dominion champion. He is a combination of a boxer and a fighter, and a puncher. Wilf is possibly the hardest amateur puncher in Western Canada for his weight. He is looking forward to entering the British Empire games in search for further honors.

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Green (Peace River) vs. Germsheid (Jasper Place)
- BOUT 7—110 LB. JUNIOR (SEMI-FINAL)**
Lakusta (Redwater) vs. Bellrose (Peace River)
- BOUT 8—112 LB. OPEN (SEMI-FINAL)**
F. Germsheid (Jasper Place) vs. M. Holy White Man (Cardston, St. Mary's)
- BOUT 9—139 LB. LT. WELTERWEIGHT NOVICE (SEMI-FINAL)**
Redford (Redwater) vs. Dragon (Peace River)
- BOUT 10—119 LB. BANTAM NOVICE (FINAL)**
Northey (Peace River) vs. Fowler (Barrhead)
- BOUT 11—112 LB. FLYWEIGHT NOVICE (SEMI-FINAL)**
Blackwater (Cardston, St. Mary's) vs. Reaume (Peace River)
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Waldon (Calgary) vs. Vlieland (Ft. Macleod)
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Matheson (Peace River) vs. Vik (Barnwell)
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T. Palmer (Champion) vs. Nelson (Calgary M.I.A.)
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Albiston (Cardston A.A.) vs. Henke (Calgary)
- BOUT 18—156 LB. LT. MIDDLEWEIGHT (FINAL)**
Fellger (Raymond) vs. Wallace (S.S.L., Edmonton)
- BOUT 19—178 LB. LT. HEAVYWEIGHT (FINAL)**
Reaume (Peace River) vs. Douglas (Champion)
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Gedrasik (Stirling) vs. Ernst (Barrhead)

SATURDAY DRAWS



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BOUT 21—70 LB. JUNIOR

Mueller (Peace River) vs. winner Whipple-Pahl

BOUT 22—80 LB. JUNIOR

Wagner (Barrhead) vs. winner Wells-Hebert

BOUT 23—165 LB. MIDDLEWEIGHT NOVICE

Brooks (Calgary) vs. winner Moline-Pahl

BOUT 24—147 LB. WELTERWEIGHT NOVICE

Winner Scott-Harrop vs. winner Frier-Penik

BOUT 25—100 LB. JUNIOR

Kai Yip (Lethbridge) vs. winner Green-Germshaid

BOUT 26—110 LB. JUNIOR

Smallface (Cardston) vs. winner Lakusta-Bellrose

BOUT 27—112 LB. OPEN

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BOUT 28—139 LB. LT. WELTERWEIGHT NOVICE

Winner Redford-Dragon vs. winner Waldon-Vlielandier

BOUT 29—112 LB. FLYWEIGHT NOVICE

Zeise (Dapp) vs. winner Blackwater-Reaume

BOUT 30—125 LB. FEATHERWEIGHT NOVICE

Sommerfeldt (Cardston A.A.) vs. winner Pierce-Williams

BOUT 31—139 LB. LT. WELTERWEIGHT OPEN

White (S.S.L., Edmonton) vs. Winner Palmer-Nelson

BOUT 32—147 LB. WELTERWEIGHT OPEN

Young (Rec. Edmonton) vs. winner Albiston-Henke

BOUT 33—132 LB. LIGHTWEIGHT OPEN

Auger (Peace River) vs. winner Gedrasik-Ernst

BOUT 34—125 LBS. FEATHERWEIGHT OPEN

Hamilton (Edm. Rec. Club) vs. Buddy Palmer (Champion)

BOUT 35—178 LB. LT. HEAVYWEIGHT OPEN

Fischer (Peace River) vs. Nill (Hanna)

BOUT 36—119 LBS. BANTAMWEIGHT OPEN

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WESTLOCK BOXING CLUB

The Westlock Boxing and Wrestling Club was formed September 22nd, 1949, by Constable W. H. M. Brace of the R.C.M.P. and Lloyd Anderson of the Bank of Montreal Staff. At that time there were no organized activities for young boys of Westlock and District. With the assistance of the Westlock Board of Trade and the Masonic Lodge two tumbling mats were purchased, the modest beginning of one of Alberta's largest boys' clubs, and certainly in the top bracket in regards to the promotions of activities. During the first year, stress was laid on tumbling, wrestling and body building, with little boxing. Fifty boys joined the first year. Each year the club has grown, and last year numbered ninety youths, of all ages. With the assistance of local businessmen, community clubs and a director who spent a lot of time and effort, the club added much equipment to its rooms, for use by the boys, and now it could be said that the Club owns one of the finest gyms of its kind in Alberta. For several years the club was content to have many fine boxers, wrestlers and tumblers, however, no tournaments were entered to any degree, although we did have friendly visits with Barrhead, Perryvale, Rochester, Peace River and Edmonton R.C.M.P. boxers. Last year, on a challenge, the director made some effort to produce at least one champion, resulting in the Westlock Club winning an Edmonton Optimist Golden Glove; one Provincial Elimination and one Provincial Champion, together with several runner-ups in the various classes. We are proud of our Champions, and we are proud of all our boys, for in the Coach's mind, they are all Champions. For the most part, the Club finances its own activities by holding fight cards.

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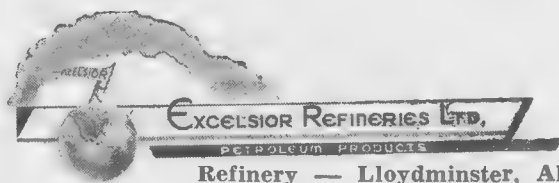
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On February 1st Peace River's Boys' Athletic and Outdoor Club (popularly known as the BATH Club) began its sixth year of operations. Under director Wade Magrum the Club has grown from a half-dozen boys to a group of over 150. Although boxing is one of the club's principal activities, it is not the only one, for football, fastball, basketball, swimming, track and field, bowling and summer camping trips figure prominently in the year's agenda. This year a BATH Club curling foursome were runners-up in the provincial high school championships!

In boxing, two provincial school champions and two Golden Glove Champions are held by the club so far this year, with three others becoming runners-up in each of those tournaments. In the interscholastics Frank Bellrose took the 110 pound title, along with the award for the best performance and the best footwork. Frank also holds the district title. Lloyd Reaume this year won the interscholastic 112 lb. crown and was runner-up in the Golden Gloves. David Dragon, who won the Golden Gloves lightwelter title with a 1-minute knockout of Cardston's Crow Chief, has in fact won all his bouts to date via the KO route. Ken Matheson, after three years as runner-up in the Golden Gloves, finally came through with the title this year in the lightweight class. Ken holds the district crown and was runner-up in the interscholastics.

The BATH Club's Lloyd Fischer won last year's middleweight novice class with a string of KO's. He should be a strong contender in this year's open class.

With their motto for 1954, "Let us build not only a great nation, but also a great people," the BATH Club is continually campaigning for the advancement of amateur athletics. Their ideals are high; no boy competes under their aegis unless he lives up to them. ("Only by being idealistic can amateur athletics survive," says director Magrum.) "And this attitude of idealism must be held by coaches as well as the boys themselves.")

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The Stirling Boxing Club was first started in the winter of 1928-29. Frank Liddle, who had done considerable boxing, came to Stirling to buy grain for Alberta Pool Elevator Co. During the winter of 1928 he trained about five boys who were interested in boxing, in the office of his elevator.

Three days a week the table and chairs were moved out of the office, a heavy bag hung from the trap door in the attic and the office became a busy place of punching, shadow boxing, skipping rope and some boxing.

During the next five years Frank developpe some nine Provincial Champions.

In 1929 Ray Adamson was the only one of the club to win a title.

In 1930 Albert and Deloy Clark attended the Provincial finals in Edmonton and Deloy was 110 lb. champion that year.

In 1931 the club took seven entries to the district eliminations in Cardston, emerged with five finalists, three of them winning by KO's. In the finals at Calgary Deloy Clark was the only one defeated, by Johnny Smith, now of Edmonton.

In 1932-33 Albert Clark and Don Pengilly held Alberta titles.

In 1939 Glen Adamson was middleweight champion and went on to Vancouver to be defeated in Canadian finals.

From 1939 until 1948 the club had very little activity, but a boxing club was again organized and the next year was able to have a successful card.

The Stirling Lions Club took over the boxing in 1950 and since then have sponsored a very successful tournament every year.

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This club has always shown well in competition, having several championships each year as well as the Golden Boy Award in 1951. They have twice won the Leading Club Medal and each year came away with several special awards in Alberta Finals.

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